

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 3 Week 8

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

I spent my weekend well seventeen hours of it anyway, doing the class based component of my Level One cricket coaching qualification. Like all learning aspects of it took me out of my comfort zone, but equally like all learning it was inherently beneficial.

One of the key factors that come up was a discussion about why children play sport. Many people had strong views on the subject (for this purpose all children who attend school are defined as children). Research shows that the reason that most children play sport is to have fun, fun maybe having a laugh or it maybe enjoying the success/winning. But the next reason differ dramatically from boys to girls:

The next strong reasons for a girls wanting to play sport are all based on the social aspects e.g. team spirit to be in a team, team work. For boys the reason that they play is to be good at something, to learn and improve skills and to be fit. While these reasons may differ from child to child the overall picture is that girls focus on their involvement with the team and on skills secondly, while boys focus on skills and competition.

The implications for us as parents, teachers and coaches are obvious. If we want our child to continue to play sport the focus needs to be that, for girls we develop the team and social aspects of the game. For boys they need to be well coached on the technical aspects of the game and to feel that they are improving and can win.

It is important to give our children as much encouragement and support as we can to ensure that they stay involved in positive ex-school activities. Not all people can or even aspire to playing at an elite level but participation in physical activity is a vital component of a healthy lifestyle and the attitude our children learn when you follow them through their life.

**Have a great week,
Mike Brosnahan**

Cross Country Last Week



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Room Seven Teacher 2012

The Board of Trustees are very happy to confirm that Mrs Judy Baines will continue to teach our Year Seven/Eight class for 2012. Mrs Baines has enjoyed a highly successful year and we are pleased that she has agreed to continue on in this role for 2012. Further staffing for 2012 will be confirmed next term.

Beginners Guitar Lessons

Beginners Guitar to start next Thursday 29th September in Room 5 from 3.05–3.45pm. Please enrol at the school office. Cost for five lessons is \$15 payable to the office before lessons begin please. I have some guitars to lend out, first in first served. Thanks Mary Dillon.

A thought for the week...

"Two roads diverged in a wood and I took the one less travelled by, and that has made all of the difference".
Robert Frost

Altar Servers Sunday 25th September
Josh Hyde, Brendan O'Neill, & Mitchell Cumming

Winter Sports Uniforms

Please send back your winter sports team uniforms to either your coach or class teacher.
Netball: Could all skirts please be returned to your child's class teacher, CLEAN (**please follow the washing instructions carefully**) and pressed, ready for next year. Thank you.

Touch Rugby

Touch is played every Monday in T4 and T1, after-school at Peter Johnstone Park. Notices have gone home to those children who are interested in playing Touch and are Yr 3 and above. These are due back on Friday.

Looking Ahead Term 3

September

21st Extra Social Studies Quiz
21/22 Parent Teacher Interviews
28th Public Speaking Competition
29th School Photos, & Room 7 DARE Funday.
30th Room 5 Assembly and Choir item, **2.15pm**

October

6th Mufti Day for the School Fair
7th Blues/Sports Assembly 2.20pm
7th End of Term
25th Senior Camp

Cross Country



Parent Teacher Interviews—This Week! 21st and 22nd September

We are now set-up to enable booking for your parent interviews online, this is very easy and gives you control over the times available.

The site is www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

You will be asked for the event code: **LF3PY**

This takes you to St Mary's, Mosgiel Parent-Teacher interviews.

Step 1: Enter Your Details (name etc)

Step 2: Choose Your Child's Room/Teacher

Step 3: Choose Your Times, just click on the time you want.

You are finished unless you wish to cancel or re-schedule. If you entered your email address it will send a confirmation email, (you may need to check your junk folder for this email).

If you do not have access to a computer you are welcome to use the classroom computers before or after school, and teachers can help you if required.

Congratulations to the Winning Cross Country Whanau Group -Piwaiwaka, Leaders: Karen McNeilly and Harry Matthews, Teacher Mrs Dillon.



St Mary's Schools Sports Representatives



- Lewis Dyer: Metropolitan Under 38kg Rugby Team
- Cecilia Crooks: Otago Under 10 Swimming Team at National Championships Wellington
- Cameron Dyer: Captain Otago Under 48kg Rugby Team
- Kyle Burns: Captain Otago Under 13 Basketball Team, & Yr 7 Metropolitan Cricket Team
- Tom Hay: Year 8 Metropolitan Cricket Team
- Harry Matthews: Otago Under 13 development Hockey Team.
- Tayla Anderson (absent in photo)
Taieri Plains Yr 8 Netball Rep Team.

Room 5 Visited Mossbrae Resthome

